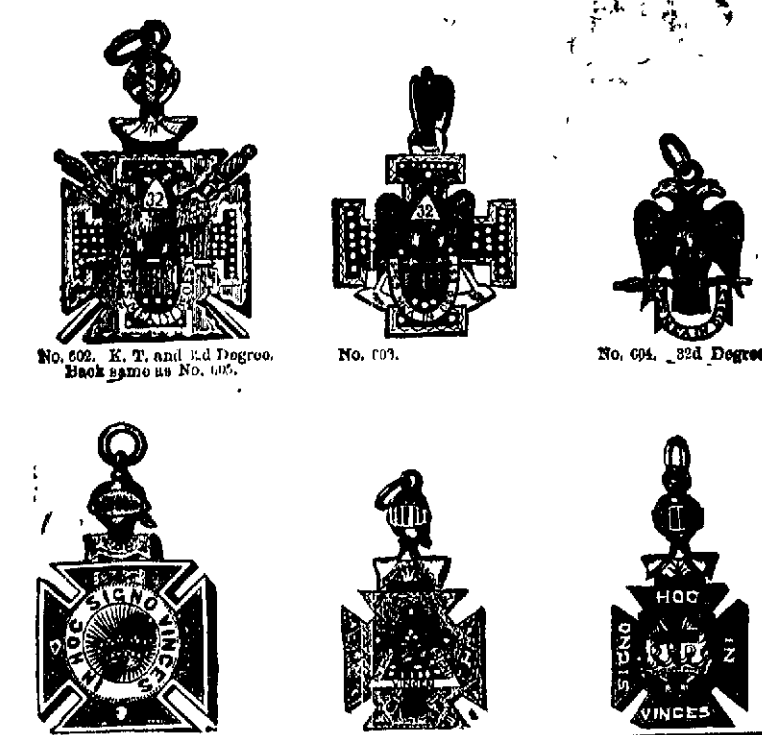


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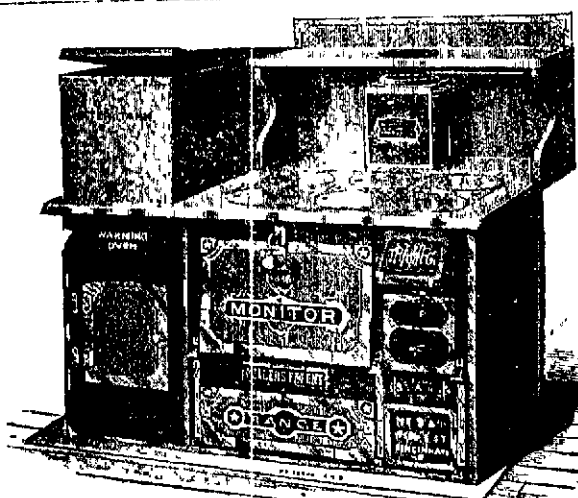
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

By request of many voters of Decatur township, I announce myself an independent candidate for Commissioner of Highways.

We are requested to announce FRED J. SMITH as a candidate for Assessor.

CHARLES M. CALDWELL is a candidate for reelection as Commissioner of Highways, subject to the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ANDREW J. THOMPSON as a candidate for Assistant Supervisor, subject to the Republican township convention.

C. H. SPORKE, the Pension Attorney in Powers' block, hereby announces himself as a candidate for Township Clerk, subject to the action of the Decatur Republican township convention.

By request of many friends HENRY MERTZ is a candidate for reelection as alderman in the Fourth Ward.

We are authorized to announce HARVEY MANNING as a candidate for the office of Collector, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

Republican primary meetings Friday night.

The Moore Bros., in opera block, will sell you family groceries at bottom figures.

Regular meeting of the Sons of Veterans' Camp this evening.

To-night the Union Labor Party advocates will meet to form a club.

The attendance was light at the Sunday schools yesterday.

33 ABOVE zero Sunday morning, with a sheet of sleet on the ground; 48 above this morning and foggy.

"Ask your grocer for Gerholm." It

This morning J. F. Roach lost his favorite \$100 Jersey cow by death. Cause, indigestion.

Use the White Leaf and Daily Bread flour. Sold by all grocers.

ABOUT 30 Knights Templar went to Belmont Sunday morning on the special train to attend the Ruby funeral.

STOCK feed to suit you every day at Niedermeyer's store on the Mount.

PUBLIC Easter services at the Masonic Temple Sunday afternoon. Sermon by Rev. James Miller.

STAR in at Hanks & Patterson's popular grocery store at 143 South Water street, and order supplies for the table.

A big line of clothing to be closed out very cheap at Austin's bargain store, south room Gallagher Block.

THE weather prediction received this morning by John Irwin from Greeley was: "Cold; rain or snow, followed by fair weather, with cold wave."

RELIABLE potatoes, fresh eggs, and California fruits at Knudsen & Osborn's Water street grocery store.

A CALLED meeting of the directors of the Decatur Board of Trade will be held this evening at the office of Attorney J. M. Ciokey.

REMEMBER that there is a complete meat market connected with George Buehmann's family grocery store.

EASTERN Eggs for sale at New Deming Hotel parlors Tuesday afternoon and evening.

THE infant son of P. H. Brueck was christened on Sunday by Rev. A. Kinney Hall. The name is Hawthorth Lyndard Brueck. He is apparently in the best of health and growing stronger every day.

Don't forget that W. H. Shorb, the coal dealer, has enough storage room for stoves and furniture.

GENTS' light underwear cheaper than ever before seen, at Austin's bargain store, south room Gallagher Block.

THE grateful thanks of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, who lost their beloved son by death, are returned to their neighbors and friends for welcome attention and sympathy in their great trial.

Now is the accepted time to select a new buggy or carriage at D. F. Hamsher's shops on Wood street. The display of vehicles is large and varied.

THERE were only about 100 telephone wires out of shape Sunday morning, but Manager Hatch kept cool and whistled wire from Erinism as he tried to find the breaks.

A FULL line of the best cooking stoves and latest improvements in refrigerators at Lytle & Eckels' store.

HAVE you seen C. B. Prescott's music parlor since it has been fixed up? He makes an unusually fine display of pianos and organs. None better in the west.

A new line of Boys' suits just received at Austin's bargain store, south room Gallagher Block.

"Don't stand on the order of going," but go straight to the next corner and buy a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, if you want to cure your cold.

FARMERS and Homeowners read this!—I find Salvation Oil a most excellent liniment among horses, and I take pleasure in endorsing it as a certain remedy for sore shins.

JAMES THOMAS, Franklin Road, near Baltimore.

Men, don't fail to see the \$5 suits at Austin's bargain store, south room Gallagher Block.

Masonic.

Special convocation of Ionic Lodge No. 312, this evening, at 7 o'clock, for work. p. m. Brethren of Masonic Lodge and visiting brethren cordially invited.

W. H. STARR, W. M. J. C. HORTSMAN, Sec.

J. LYTTLE & Co. are the enterprising grocers. They always have the best of fruits and early vegetables.

SLEET AND RAIN.

The Damage to Telephone and Telegraph Wires—The Thaw.

Saturday night Decatur people were given a pointed reminder of the destructive icy visitor of February, 1883, by a second edition of rain and sleet which but for the fortunate rising temperature of Sunday morning would have done damage aggregating thousands of dollars.

There was a stiff breeze and rain fell steadily all through Saturday night, coming from the east, freezing as it fell giving the east sides of buildings a coating of ice a quarter of an inch thick.

Trees were enveloped in ice and many weak branches were broken off, while small trees generally were bowed down with the weight.

Telephone and telegraph wires were broken and twisted by the weight of the sleet. Sunday morning Exchange found that he had 90 wires out of shape, with no connection to outside points. He got his men at work and had no time in making repairs. Nearly all of the wires will be in working order by to-night.

The Republican wire was torn from its fastening, but was rigged up temporarily this morning. Only one of the 10 telegraph wires in the Western Union office was in working order Sunday night. That was the St. Louis wire.

Generally the wires were down outside of Decatur, or crossed, so that they were useless. Linemen were at work Sunday and to-day repairing the breaks and making connections. The service will be in proper shape at the earliest possible moment.

The Washburn had but two wires in shape Sunday morning—one to Buffalo, Ill., and one to Chicago, Ill. The trainmen from the north say that the sleet was heavier in the northern part of the state, as indicated by the broken telegraph poles, broken cross-arms and fallen trees.

The thaw set in before Sunday noon and by night nearly all of the sleet had disappeared from the buildings, walks and trees.

Arrested.

This forenoon Marshal Mason and Officer Bailey arrested John A. Kagy, a young man who has been working near Orleans.

He was taken in on a telegram that came from the sheriff of Marion county, received this morning. He was in company with Andrew McGrath, who has been working for J. S. Shastid, of Orleans.

Both young men were taken to the jail. McGrath, who happened to have a revolver in his possession that once belonged to Kagy, was all broken up when he was taken in charge, but the officers concluded that he had simply been caught in bad company and let him go. Kagy's crime is not known. An officer will come after him.

HARRY STALEY was the pitcher for the Whites against the Browns in a game of base ball at St. Louis on Sunday. The Whites were shut out 8 to 0. The Globe-Democrat says Staley is the best pitcher in the Western League. Right you are. But 8 to 0! "Oh, Doctor, doctor!"

Natonic Republicans.

The Republicans of Natonic held their primary Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by A. W. Wells, chairman of the committee. The following named gentlemen were nominated as candidates for township officers: Supervisor, Darius Bueck; town clerk, Reuben Herrod; assessor, Robert Moore; collector, W. B. Dingman; commissioner of highways, George Wree; justice of peace, Charles Fowler. After nominating town officers the convention proceeded to select delegates to the county convention and also to select a chairman for the township.

A. W. Wells and Dee Bueckley were chosen to represent the township as delegates.

A. W. Wells was the unanimous choice of the convention for chairman, there being no opposition.

Political.

Republican primaries Friday night. Delegates to the township and county conventions to be held on Saturday will be selected.

The Sangamon county Republican central committee on Saturday named April 30th as the date for nominating county officers and appointing delegates to the state and congressional conventions.

The chairman of the committee was authorized to appoint fifteen delegates to represent the county in the judicial convention at Decatur April 12th, and they were instructed to support Judge W. L. Gross for the nomination for supreme judge.

The Republican primary for Tolono township, held on Saturday, instructed its delegates to the county convention for Francis M. Wright, of Urbana, for governor; Milton W. Matthews for state senator for the Thirtieth district; Wm. G. Brown for circuit clerk of Champaign county, and Charles H. Kienzie for state's attorney. A full township ticket was also nominated.

A well attended meeting of the DeWitt county Republican central committee held at Clinton Saturday, resulted in the appointment of Messrs. Warner, Ingham, Booth, Lemon and Harris, as delegates to the Decatur judicial convention. They go free to support Reeves or Wilkin, but it is probable that Col. Reeves will receive the support of the delegation.

The county convention will be called April 23, to select delegates to the state, county, district and congressional conventions.

On Sunday Rev. W. H. Prestley, of this city, occupied the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian church at Springfield, when he delivered the annual Strawberry sermon. His theme was "God's Love Commended in the Death of Christ."

The Springfield papers of to-day give considerable space to a synopsis of the sermon.

The funeral of Robbie E. Miller, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, took place on Sunday afternoon from the opera house, singing university and old songs that will bring back fond memories of other days. Seats will be on sale to-morrow morning.

The Club Concert.

Thursday evening comes the Michigan University Glee Club of 16 members, who will give a vocal concert at the opera house, singing university and old songs that will bring back fond memories of other days. Seats will be on sale to-morrow morning.

An elegant line of Lace and Imported Caps for Infants.

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\$800 Damage.

The alley wall at Charles M. Caldwell's livery stable on West Main street took a tumble this morning at 5 o'clock and fell outward into the alley, doing damage estimated at \$800. The alley building was put up 30 years ago by Mr. Priest, and it is now apparent that the alley wall was poorly constructed, bad brick and worse mortar. The rains beat against it, froze and thawed out. There was comparatively little weight on the wall, and simply because of poor masonry the wall bulged out and fell. There was no injury to horses in the stalls on that side of the barn. Randall, Troutman & Converse are at work rebuilding the wall.

John Morrison Dead.

The death of John Y. Morrison, stepson of W. T. Evans, occurred this morning at 4:30 o'clock at 631 North Water street, aged 34 years. Pleuro-pneumonia was the cause of his death. The deceased was born at Dyersville, North Carolina, August 2, 1853. He has held the position of book-keeper at E. D. Bartholomew & Co.'s store, and was widely known as a traveling salesman for the Decatur Tank Line company.

Confirmation.

On Sunday forenoon confirmation ceremonies were observed at the German Lutheran church when 11 girls all dressed in white, and 12 boys, all of the age of 14 years, were received into the church by Rev. Geo. F. Landgraf.

Death on Ducks.

Norman Pringle, J. A. and Bert Meriwether are home from Merced, where they spent four days of last week shooting ducks—Mallards, Canvasbacks and Teals. As usual they met with great success, bringing down no less than 200 in the three days of fairly good weather. Ducks are diamonds these days, selling at \$12 a dozen. Norman, Jack and Bert brought home over 100 Mallards, which they have distributed among their friends whose gratitude for the kindly remembrance is unbounded.

Scarlet Fever at Natonic.

Little Russell, the only son of C. B. and Mamie Richardson, aged 4 years, died of scarlet fever this morning at Natonic. He was taken sick at 12 o'clock p. m. Sunday. Dr. Hall's babe is lying very low, his little 4 year old girl having died a few days ago. There are several other cases in town, and nearly all the grown people have the disease in a light form. All complain of sore throat, headaches and sick at stomach. There is no school being held in the town, and people are keeping their children off the streets. The town is greatly exercised at present. Martin Corbett, of the county, is also very sick with same disease. He is 23 years old.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. Geo. E. Platt, of Sullivan, arrived in the city today.

State's Attorney Yall and his sons are home from Beardstown, Ill.

Senator Johns returned last night from a trip to Cairo.

Mrs. Prince, sister of P. H. Brueck, returned to Springfield this afternoon.

Miss Jeanne Cronch is at St. Louis visiting friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lou Underwood, on March 24, a daughter.

F. K. Whittemore, cashier of the State National Bank of Springfield, is in the city to-day.

Frank Blakey and Phil Bury are home from their duck hunting excursion in Sangamon county.

Morgan English is at home again after a month's successful christian labor at Marshall, Illinois.

Arthur S. Robinson came in from Ft. Madison, Iowa, to spend Sunday with his family.

David Hamsher is very low. He is believed to be in a dying condition this afternoon. No hope of recovery.

Geo. W. Patterson, deputy postmaster, who has been ill a week, is on duty at the post office to-day.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. L. Burrows were at Springfield, guests of Governor Oglesby and family.

Mrs. James Brown Potter in Juliet will be the dramatic event of the season at the opera house Wednesday night.

Mrs. J. M. Ciokey and children and Michael Elson departed Saturday evening for New Orleans to be absent several weeks. Mr. Elson has just recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Barnes, who went to Belmont on the special train Sunday to attend the Ruby funeral, got left and had to come home last night on the regular train.

William Shively and daughter, Mrs. Anna Gates, and granddaughter, Miss Lillian Taylor, of Lafayette, Ind., called here to attend the funeral of Mrs. P. H. Brueck, left for their home to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Shellabarger returned at noon to-day from their southern trip. They went from Florida to New Orleans and then took a steamerboat for St. Louis. Mr. Shellabarger thanks that Mr. and Mrs. Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger have gone to Cuba.

Attention, K. of P.

You are expected to come to our store and see the handsome line of K. of P. Charms, Scarf Pins, Vest Pins, etc., ever shown in this city.

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OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.

The Rev. D. S. Johnson, of Springfield, occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church on Sunday, preaching two sermons to good congregations. Rev. Johnson's topic in the evening was the importance of uniting with the church, which he presented in a very forcible and effective manner.

Come Again.

It was unfortunate alike for the MacCollin comic opera company and Decatur lovers of music that the weather was so wretchedly bad Friday and Saturday, so inclement that it was a matter of surprise that so many people found their way through the rain and sleet to the opera house. Saturday afternoon "The Beggar Student" was given before a fairly sized audience in a manner that was highly pleasing, the solos and grand choruses delighting everybody. At night "The Musketeers" was the bill, in which Miss Haas and Miss Hall divided the solo honors. Enthusiastic recalls were frequent. Mr. Ford, Mr. Stanley were also favorites, while Mr. MacCollin was brightly in his role of the Abbe. None of the opera were out. The troupe, which numbers 35 people, is one of the very best in musical comedy.

It is estimated that has ever visited the city, and it would be exceedingly gratifying should Mr. MacCollin give Decatur another festival before the close of the season. With anything like good weather the hall would be crowded at each performance.

If you want a good lawn call on Spencer & Lehman for Bluegrass and White Clover seed.

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You will like the celebrated White Foam Flour. Order it of any grocer.

"Ask your grocer for Gerholm."

DR. R. N. MILLS ON TRIAL.

The Inside History of the Pension Fraud Case.

County Clerk Hardy who with J. S. Hewes is at Utica, N. Y., a witness in the pension fraud case against Dr. R. N. Mills, formerly of Decatur, favors the **REPUBLICAN** with a copy of the Utica Herald of March 23, which contains this interesting statement in connection with the prosecution:

There came up for trial in the United States district court, before Judge A. C. Cox, yesterday, a case which has been in the courts for a number of years and attracted considerable attention. A brief outline of the case is as follows:

Francis Patterson, of Elmira, was a soldier in the 68th New York regiment, but deserted at Grove Creek soon after his enlistment. On his way to his home he caught cold in one of his eyes, which caused him considerable trouble. After remaining at home for a short time, he came more offered his services to the government, and they were accepted. It was soon discovered that he was suffering very much from his eyes, and he was sent to the Duxbury hospital and from there to the hospital at Elmira, where his disease was pronounced incurable. An attempt was made to obtain a pension for him, one of the leaders in the movement being Dr. R. N. Mills. The claim was undecided for five years, in spite of the fact that three affidavits in the favor of William J. Miller, who now says they were false. Upon an affidavit of an old resident of the soldiers' home at Bath, Captain Edward Porter, the pension was granted, and Mills drew \$13.30 on the claim. Miller, one of the signers of the affidavit, then wanted the \$100 and the "best suit of clothes in Elmira," promised him for his share in the work. Mills flatly refused to keep his promise and wanted to know what Miller was going to do about it. Miller commenced in a very systematic way to "square himself" with his opponent, and the result was that he told everything he knew to City Editor James H. Callahan, of the Elmira Tribune, who published a long account of it in his paper, and gave the United States detectives a clue which resulted in Mills being arrested in Virginia.

Wilkes J. Miller was sworn and related the details of his connection with the case. Dr. Mills created quite a sensation by fainting at court, yesterday afternoon, the sinking spell being induced by weakness. The case was on trial when court adjourned.

Dr. Mills is indicted on two charges of fraud and two of perjury.

Sales of Real Estate.

John E. John, L. and Mercy Marsh to Thad R. Carr, lot 13 in block 4, Higgins' addition, \$800.

David E. Ritchie to Julia A. Hanks, lot in 14, 17, 1, Warrensburg, \$72.

A. S. Crowder to Ed. J. Layman, lots 1 and 2 in block 5, Crowder & Cornthwaite's addition, \$350.

Free Lecture.

Rev. H. S. Jordan, of Taylorville, will deliver his celebrated lecture on "The Sandwich Islands" at the Presbyterian church this (Monday) evening, March 28th, at half-past seven o'clock. A quartette choir will furnish music for the occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to enjoy this rare treat.

SUNDAY morning 30 members of Beaumont Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, went to Belmont on a special train, which cost the Commandery \$50, to attend the funeral of the late Hon. V. S. Rnly. They arrived at Belmont in the midst of rain, but did not desert duty, accompanying the remains of the brother Sir Knight to the church where Elder J. W. Robbins, assisted by Rev. Geo. Platt, of Sullivan, conducted the services. The Belmont Blue Lodge of Masons had charge of the interment at the cemetery two miles from the town. The Decatur visitors came home on the special during the afternoon. Dr. W. S. Rnly, of California, did not arrive in time to attend the funeral of his brother.

"Romeo and Juliet"—Mrs. James Brown Potter.

The one great success this season is Mrs. James Brown Potter. The mention of her appearance creates enthusiasm among amusement people and the theatres are crowded wherever she plays, and this beautiful woman and talented actress pleases all who see her. Romeo and Juliet will be given here Wednesday evening. Mrs. Potter is an excellent, happy by the accomplished actor, Mr. Kyrie Ballew, late leading man at Wallack's Theatre, New York. The N. Y. Tribune, speaking of Mrs. Potter, said: "She is very graceful, young, thin woman lend themselves to this easily, and as she is earnest, painstaking, intelligent and beautiful, she has a brilliant future before her."

"She is beautiful," they said as she bowed to the long, long rattle of applause that greeted her first appearance on the stage during the second act.

"Ah, she is beautiful," they said when she sat, imperial in gown velvet and satin on the sculptor's chair in the third act. Beautiful! By the three diamond stars on her bosom—by the diamond star at the point of the low-cut dress seen when she turned her back—beautiful she was.

The house broke out into applause at the picture as she sat there in something like the attitude of Mrs. Siddons in Sir Joshua's painting.

"She is beautiful, indeed," they said, when she came on in dark violet velvet in the last act, and wherever she turned or whatever position she assumed, admiring eyes followed her.

Young Ladies'

And Messrs' Jackets, in latest styles, just received.

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LINN & SCRUGGS.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold an Easter reception at the New Deming Hotel Tuesday evening, March 26-27.

An elegant line of new Ribbons just received at Austin's bargain store, south room Gallagher Block.

MARRIED.

At Matton, March 24th, Charles Banister and Miss Nellie Woods, both of Blue Mount.

The bride is a daughter of Rev. C. G. Woods, pastor of the Methodist church at Blue Mount, and the groom is a young farmer. The marriage was a surprise to the friends of the couple.

DIED.

At Mt. Zion, on March 25th, at 4 a. m., of measles, Pearl, daughter of Daniel Pound, aged four years.

The funeral took place to-day.

Of whooping cough, on Saturday, March 24th, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thrift, aged two weeks.

Of consumption, at 824 West Eldorado street, on Saturday, March 24, Andrew Vermilion, aged 35 years.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Vermilion and a brother of Mrs. Rita Sparks. The interment took place

